

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Original) A shelving system comprising:
 - a track having a support portion and a retaining lip, said support portion having an upper support surface and a lower surface;
 - a standard having a front surface defining a plurality of apertures therethrough to receive a shelf bracket, and a back surface opposite the front surface;
 - said back surface defining an opening therein, said opening having an upper surface that contacts said upper support surface of said track;
 - said front surface having a top portion that contacts said retaining lip when said support portion is within said opening; and
 - a shelf.
2. (Currently amended) A shelving system comprising:
 - a track having [[a]] means for supporting a standard;
 - the standard having [[[a]] means for receiving a shelf bracket; and
 - a shelf.
3. (Currently amended) A method for supporting a shelf comprising:
 - providing a track having a support portion and a retaining lip, said support portion having an upper support surface and a lower surface;
 - supporting a standard with the track, the standard having a front surface defining a plurality of apertures therethrough to receive a shelf bracket, and a back surface opposite the front surface, said back surface defining an opening therein, said opening having an upper surface that contacts said upper support

surface of said track, said front surface having a top portion that contacts said retaining lip when said support portion is within said opening;[[,]] and supporting a shelf on the standard.

4. (New) The shelving system of claim 1, wherein the standard is slidably movable along the track.

5. (New) The shelving system of claim 1, wherein the support portion of the track includes a generally U-shaped cross-section.

6. (New) The shelving system of claim 1, further comprising a bracket mountable to one or more of the apertures.

7. (New) The shelving system of claim 6, wherein the shelf is supportable by the bracket.

8. (New) The shelving system of claim 1, wherein the track includes a generally backward S-shaped cross-section.

9. (New) The shelving system of claim 1, wherein the opening defined by the back surface of the standard includes a generally U-shaped cross-section.

10. (New) The shelving system of claim 2, wherein the standard is slidably movable along the track.

11. (New) The shelving system of claim 2, wherein the track comprises means for retaining the standard within the track.

12. (New) The shelving system of claim 11, wherein:
the standard comprises a front surface having a top portion; and

the means for retaining contacts the top portion of the front surface of the standard when the standard is engaged with the track.

13. (New) The shelving system of claim 2, wherein the standard comprises means for defining an opening sized to receive the means for supporting, the opening having an upper surface that contacts the means for supporting when the means for supporting is within the opening.

14. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein supporting a shelf on the standard comprises:

mounting a bracket to one or more of the apertures; and
supporting a shelf with the bracket.

15. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein supporting a standard with the track comprises:

inserting the top portion of the standard into the track such that the front surface of the standard engages the retaining lip; and

rotating the standard such that the opening engages the support portion of the track with the upper support surface of the support portion contacting the upper surface of the opening.

16. (New) The method of claim 3, further comprising sliding the standard along the track.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, further comprising attaching the standard to a wall after sliding the standard along the track.

18. (New) A shelving apparatus comprising:

a track having a support portion, the support portion having an upper support surface and an extension extending generally upwardly from the upper support surface;

a standard having a front surface engageable with a bracket, and a back surface defining an opening therein; and

the opening having a notch that receives the extension of the support portion, and an upper surface that contacts the upper support surface of the support portion when the support portion is within the opening.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the standard is slidably movable along the track.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:

a bracket engageable with the front surface of the standard; and
a shelf supportable by the bracket.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached four (4) formal replacement sheets include Figures 1 through 4, and replace the drawings originally filed with the application.

Applicant has amended FIG. 4 to change reference number 70 to 72. Support for this amendment can be found in the application (see, for example, the first paragraph on page 6 of application (paragraph [0016] of the published application no. 20040045919).